

FutureTech Northern Beaches
Visual Story 2025

Welcome to FutureTech

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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Cammeraygal people, who are the traditional custodians of the land where FutureTech is located.

It is important to pay respect to elders past and present, who took care of this beautiful country for thousands of years before us - and who continue to care for the lands and waters we are lucky to enjoy.



Everyone is Welcome at FutureTech

We think it is cool to be different, and treat everyone with kindness, respect and appreciation for who they are.

Please use any strategies (*like fidget toys or headphones*) that help to make you feel comfortable.

Remember, we are always here to support you if there is something we can do to help you feel more included.

What is FutureTech?

FutureTech is a place where neurodivergent young people can learn about STEAM* together and connect with other young people.

*STEAM means science, technology, engineering, arts and math.



Meet your Mentors!

Well, some of them!

They are a bit of an odd bunch - but we think you will like that about them.
Many of them neurodivergent - which means they see the world in similar ways to you.

FutureTech's mentors are all experts in their fields - from software engineers to biomolecular scientists.

You can ask them anything about their work and they will LOVE telling you all about it!



Preparing for my visit

Trying new things can be scary.
It is normal to feel excited or nervous.
Feeling prepared can really help!

Some things that can help me feel prepared for my visit are:

- **I can look at FutureTech's website:
www.futuretechaustralia.org**
- **I can download a new game I would like to play at FutureTech**
- **I can read this Visual Story**
- **I can pack my bag with the things I will take to FutureTech**
- **I can talk to someone about how I am feeling**



What I should bring



**Laptop, iPad or
device**



Sensory Tools



Lunch / Snacks



Headphones

And anything else I need to help me feel comfortable at FutureTech.



Where to find us

550 Sydney Rd, Seaforth
NSW 2092

[I can click on this link to be taken to Google Maps.](#)



Parking at the Centre

The closest place to park is right beside the centre in front of the Bupa Care Centre.

**If the parking is full I can park along the street.
I might have to pay to park my car.**

Seaforth Village Community Centre

This is where FutureTech will do workshops and social activities.

There are different rooms inside the centre.

I will be told which room my group is in before I arrive.





The Reading Room

This has tables, sofas and chairs.

The reading room has a kitchen with a fridge, microwave and sink.



The Meeting Room

The meeting room has tables and chairs.

The meeting room has a kitchen with a fridge, microwave and sink.





The Training Room

The training room has tables, chairs and sofas.

The training room has a kitchenette with a fridge, microwave and sink.



The Quiet Room

The Quiet Room is attached to the Reading Room.

I can get there through the Reading Room.

The Quiet Room is for anyone who needs a break from the sensory or social environment.

There are chairs and tables inside, I can bring my laptop or anything that will help me feel relaxed.



What to expect at FutureTech

First



Learning Workshop

Then



Break

Next



Social

Then



Home

But, learning is for school?!

My mentors at FutureTech understand that I may have experienced learning that is boring, or that doesn't consider my interests.

That is why my mentors try to show me how fun learning can be!

It is their mission to share their love for learning with me through learning workshops that:

- **Make me ask 'why'**
- **Focus on what I am good at, and my interests**
- **Make sense!**





Learning Workshops at FutureTech - Themes

Every Term, there will be a new theme at FutureTech.

This theme guides all of the learning workshops for the term.

Themes might be things like Space, Animals or Intelligence.

If I have an idea for a theme I can tell my mentors.

Each workshop looks at how science, technology, arts, engineering and math apply to the theme.

The workshops change each week - but the theme stays the same for the term.

Learning Workshops at FutureTech - Expectations

- It is OK if I don't want to participate in the workshop, I can play quietly or go to the Quiet Room.
- It is important that I am respectful of others if they would like to do the workshop, and try not to make noise or talk over my mentor.
- It is ok if there are parts of the workshop I would like to skip, I should try to do the other parts.
- If I am not sure, I can ask a mentor for help.
- At FutureTech, *it is OK to make mistakes* and not get it right the first time - giving things a go helps me get better next time.

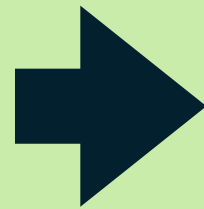


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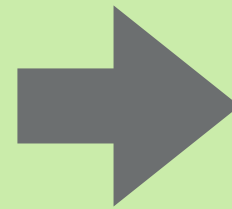
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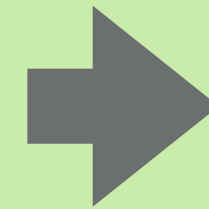
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Social



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Break Time

My mentors will let me know when the workshop has finished and it is break time.

I can have a drink, some food and relax.

I can stay inside my room or go outside with a mentor.

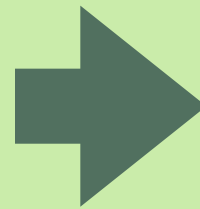
I don't have to use all of my break time if I would like to get started on social.

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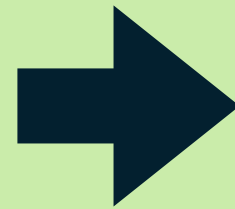
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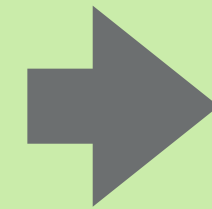
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Social



Then



Home



Social Session

Next, it is time for social!

Social is a time to play games, connect with others and do whatever feels good for me today.

I might want to play a computer game with others, go outside to kick a ball around, craft and create or continue tinkering with workshop materials.

Social Sessions at FutureTech - Expectations

- I don't have to talk if I don't want to
- It is my choice what I would like to do during social, as long as I keep myself and others safe
- FutureTech is a place for everyone to play and feel like they belong, this means I must respect people's boundaries and stop if they ask me to
- I should not break others things, or take things that are not mine
- If someone doesn't want to play, that is OK. I can ask them again next week.
- I should do my part in keeping the noise levels low to protect everyone's senses.

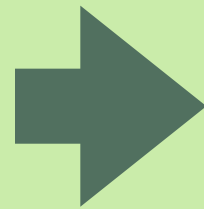


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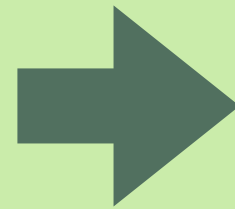
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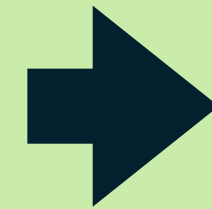
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Home

Pack up & Home

15 minutes before home time, my mentor will ask me to start packing up.

It is important to start packing up when my mentors let me know it's almost home time.

My mentors still have lots of cleaning to do after I leave before they can go home too!





See you soon!

We can't wait to
welcome
you into the
FutureTech family!



